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The following is a partial list of Chinese language newspapers and periodicals in Hong Kong. The name of the publication in Wade-Giles romanization is given first, followed by the local form of the name. Wherever possible information is given concerning the bias, financial backing, editorial staff, make-up, popularity, and circulation of the publication.

Newspapers

1. Kung Shang Jih Pao (1562/0794/2480/1032) (Kung Sheung Daily News): anti-Communist and extremely pro-Nationalist. It is one of the few Hong Kong papers which has permission to enter Taiwan. The paper is owned by General HO Shih-li (0149/0013/4409), former head of the Chinese Mission in Japan and son of Sir Robert HO Tung. Its chief editor is HU T'ieh-wu (5170/6993/0710). It is financially independent because of its large circulation. It publishes information concerning the mainland and runs strongly anti-Communist editorials. It is read by top and medium level businessmen and anti-Communist intellectuals. Its circulation is above 20,000.
2. Kung Shang Wan Pao (1562/0794/2519/1032) (Kung Sheung Evening News): evening edition of the Kung Shang Jih Pao. This paper is not distributed in Taiwan. It is generally on the streets by noon. It specializes in wide coverage of local athletic activities. Its circulation is 10,000.
3. Hsing Tao Jih Pao (2502/1497/2480/1032) (Sing Tao Daily News): anti-Communist, basically neutral. When the Communists took the mainland,

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this paper adopted the tone of a fellow traveller. In the fall of 1951, however, the paper took an anti-Communist stand, because the Communists confiscated the properties of its owner, AW Boon-haw. AW's son, who later died in an airplane crash, built up an efficient editorial and managerial staff to replace the pro-Communist personnel. The paper is run to further AW Boon-haw's interests, rather than to support any political cause. It is financially independent because it is supported by AW's business interests. The paper has a high standard in make-up and is second in this respect only to the Communist Ta Kung Pao. It has a weekly pictorial supplement and daily columns covering domestic science, child problems, and sports. Its concentration on the activities of AW Boon-haw in Hong Kong and Singapore has become a source of irritation to a large number of readers. It is read by businessmen and educators. Its circulation is near 30,000.

4. Hsing Tao Wan Pao (2502/1497/2519/1032) (Sing Tao Evening News): evening edition of the Hsing Tao Jih Pao. Its editor is T'ANG Pi-ch'uan (0781/4310/1557). Because it carries news releases 12 hours earlier than its morning edition, it has more readers than the Hsing Tao Jih Pao. Its circulation is over 30,000.
5. Hua Ch'iao Jih Pao (5478/0294/2480/1032) (Wah Kiu Yat Po): anti-Communist and pro-Nationalist. The paper is supported by its large number of advertisements. It is owned by TS'EN Wei-hsiu (1478/4850/0128) and edited by HO Chien-chang (0149/0256/4545). It is read mostly by businessmen who read the advertisements. Its circulation is 30,000.
6. Hua Ch'iao Wan Pao (5478/0294/2519/1032) (Wah Kiu Man Po): evening edition of the Hua Ch'iao Jih Pao. This paper appears on the streets about noon and is edited by OU-YANG Pai-ch'uan (2962/7122/4102/1557). It maintains good coverage of local news and sensational stories. It has a circulation of about 10,000.
7. Tzu Jan Jih Pao (5261/3544/2480/1032) (Nature Daily) (Chi Yin Daily News): anti-Communist and anti-Third Force. Previously this paper was strongly critical of the Taiwan government, but it has recently adopted a pro-Taiwan policy. It has been attempting to get permission to distribute on Taiwan. Its financial backing is secret, but it has been rumored that the paper is subsidized from Taiwan. Its owner is YAO Hsiang-ch'in (1202/3276/0530) and its chief editor is LI T'an-sheng (2621/7416/3932). The paper is one page and has little advertising. It has a circulation of 10,000.
8. T'ien Wen T'ai (1131/2429/0669) (Observatory): pro-Nationalist. The editor of the paper, CH'EN Hsiao-wei (7115/1321/1218), formerly supported a Third Force movement led by HSU Chung-chih (6079/1504/2535), but has recently become pro-Nationalist. The financial backing of the paper is not known. CH'EN is a native of Fukien and has good connections in Southeast Asia. One of his editors is MA Pin (7456/1755). The paper is a one sheet tabloid which emphasizes commentary. One-third to one-half of the paper is commentary. It is the only tabloid which has an increasing circulation in Hong Kong and overseas ports. CH'EN has been ridiculed for printing notes of acknowledgement for the receipt of letters which he has sent to world famous political figures in America and Europe. Its circulation is 3,000 to 5,000.
9. Hsiang Kang Shih Pao (7449/3263/2514/1032) (Hong Kong Times): Kuomintang organ, both anti-Communist and anti-Third Force. This paper is supported by the Kuomintang. HSU Hsiao-yen (6079/1321/3508) is its managing editor and LEI Hsiao-ch'in (7191/0876/1578) and LI Chiu-sheng (2621/4428/3932) are editors. The news coverage is mediocre and much space is used for partisan articles. The circulation is about 10,000, including the copies which go to Taiwan.

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10. Ch'eng Pao (2052/1032) (Sing Po Daily News): neutral. This paper is financed by businessmen. It is edited by WANG T'ing (3769/0080) and HO Wen-fa (0149/2429/3127). It is one of the most popular papers in Hong Kong and is patronized by businessmen and shop clerks. Its chief source of popularity is the large number of fiction stories printed in installments. It has a circulation of about 60,000, the highest of all the Hong Kong papers.
11. Hsin Sheng Wan Pao (2450/3932/2519/1032) (New Life Evening Post): anti-Communist. This evening paper was once regarded as the organ of LI Tsung-jen (2621/1350/0088), because its editor, LI Meng (7812/5536), was a close associate of LI Tsung-jen. Although the paper was established with aid from LI Tsung-jen, it is now completely financially independent because it carries on a successful printing business. When LU Hai-an (7120/3189/1344) was editor, one of the outstanding features of the paper was his comments on the daily news. LIANG K'uan (2733/1401) has been editing the paper since LU left. The paper is poorly printed, and has a good number of advertisements. Its circulation is 10,000, even though it is the only evening paper to charge as much as 15 cents.
12. Chen Pao (4176/1032) (Truth Daily): anti-Communist. This is a new paper which is making good headway because of the ability of its editors, LU Hai-an and TS'AO Chu-jen (2580/5112/0086). Its editorial policy is anti-Communist and critical of Taiwan. It has been rumored that the paper is Third Force-supported, although its financial backing is secret. It has good news coverage and recently boosted its sales because of the serial publication of the story of the fight between LI Tsung-jen and CHIANG Kai-shek, contributed by a relative of LI. It carries reports and comments on horse races. Its rational commentaries are highly regarded by Chinese intellectuals. Although its circulation is 10,000, the paper is losing money.
13. Chung Sheng Wan Pao (0022/5116/2519/1032) (Chung Sing Man Po): pro-Third Force and anti-Taiwan. This paper is a branch of the Third Force periodical Tzu Yu Chen Hsien (Freedom Front). Its head, HSIEN Ch'eng-p'ing (6200/3397/1627), remains in the background. Its principal editors are SHIH Tse-chih (0670/3419/0037) and CHANG Pao-en (1728/5508/1869). The paper is well-printed and edited. It prints periodic supplements of comment. Because it is so partisan, its circulation has not gone beyond 10,000.
14. Ta Kung Pao (1129/0361/1032): pro-Communist. Its policy and propaganda lines are dictated by the Chinese Communists, who also subsidize the paper. The chief editor is unknown, however, FEI I-min (6316/1744/3046) is the managing editor. It is the best printed and edited paper in Hong Kong. Its pages are dominated by international and mainland news, profusely illustrated. It also publishes human interest stories about the mainland and official Communist news. The paper is read by many anti-Communists. The total circulation is about 60,000, including copies sent to overseas Chinese, although the local Hong Kong circulation is only 10,000.
15. Wen Hui Pao (2429/0565/1032) (Wen Wei Pao): pro-Communist. This paper was formerly the organ of the Democratic League, but it is now subsidized by the Chinese Communists. LI Tzu-sung (2621/1311/6139) and HSU Chu-ch'eng (1776/6999/2052) are its principal editors. The paper is poorly printed but well edited. It specializes in Communist ideological and intellectual news. It is a four page paper which carries feature stories, social news, and commentaries. It is not as profusely illustrated as the Ta Kung Pao and carries few advertisements. Its overseas circulation is good, but the Hong Kong circulation is only 5,000 copies.

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16. Hsiang Kang Shang Pao (7449/3263/0794/1032) (Hong Kong Commercial Daily): pro-Communist. Its pro-Communist attitude is carefully hidden. The paper attempts to speak on behalf of the Communists as a neutral. The Chinese Communists are planning to let the Hsiang Kang Shang Pao become the Communist organ in Hong Kong if the Ta Kung Pao and Wen Hui Pao are suppressed by the Hong Kong government. It is financed by businessmen who have defected to the Chinese Communists. Its advertisements are contributed by Communist-connected businessmen. One of its editors is CH'EN Hsia-tzu (7115/7209/1311). The paper is poorly printed and edited. Its chief attraction is the sensational news printed on the two center pages. The first page is international news and commentary and the last is local news and sports. It carries no commercial news as the name of the paper might indicate. Its circulation is about 5,000.
17. Hsin Wan Pao (2450/2519/1032) (New Evening Post): pro-Communist. This is the only Communist evening paper in Hong Kong. It was set up by the Ta Kung Pao staff to make up the deficit incurred by the Ta Kung Pao. Its Communist line is reserved, and as a result it is the best selling Communist paper in Hong Kong. It carries sensational news and sells for five cents. The editors have been quite successful in hiding their identities. Its circulation is over 10,000.

Periodicals

18. Chung Kuo Chih Sheng (0022/0948/0037/5116) (Voice of China): pro-Third Force. This is a weekly publication which represents a Third Force movement led by CHANG Fa-kuei and KU Meng-yu. Its chief editor is LIN Po-ya (2651/0130/7161), a native of Kwangtung, who previously edited a Chinese language newspaper in the United States. The publication is well printed and edited, but it has never become very popular. At one time it had a circulation of 10,000, but it has now dropped to 3,000.
19. Tzu Yu Chen Hsien (5261/3945/7109/4848) (Freedom Front): pro-Third Force. Its managing editor is HSIEH Ch'eng-p'ing (6200/3397/1627) and its editor is HOU Pei-jen (0186/0554/0086). HSIEH has been backing LI Tsung-jen and HSU Chung-chih. Although its reporting and literary style are below that of the Chung Kuo Chih Sheng, it carries more popular stories, news, and commentaries. It is fairly popular in Southeast Asia. It hands out a great many free copies.
20. National Renaissance: pro-Third Force. This is the organ of the Democratic Socialist Party. Its editorial policy closely follows that of the Chung Kuo Chih Sheng. It carries signed articles on the Far Eastern situation, but no news or news comment. It is published monthly.
21. Fatherland: pro-Third Force. This weekly magazine is directed toward students in middle schools and colleges. The magazine is edited by CH'EN Tso-sheng, a former Communist, who is a follower of CHANG Kuo-tao. CHANG represents the radical left of the Third Force movement which opposes any form of united front among Third Force elements.
22. Jen Yen (0086/6056): pro-Third Force. This was a bi-monthly publication which has suspended publication and is being reorganized by HSIA Wei and CH'EN Ssu-yuan, two followers of LI Tsung-jen.
23. Chu Liu: pro-Third Force. This magazine is supported by the Freedom Press which also publishes the Tzu Yu Chen Hsien. It is edited by LO Meng-san and is devoted to academic discussions. Its anti-Communist influence is the least among the Third Force publications.

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24. Newsdom: pro-Nationalist. This is a Kuomintang organ which is published weekly. Its format is that of Time magazine. It is a popular magazine, even though it sells at HK \$1.00 per copy, the highest of all the periodicals.
25. Democratic Review: pro-Nationalist. This is a bi-monthly magazine devoted to academic discussion. It carries a special section of mainland news.
26. Free China: pro-Nationalist. This is a bi-monthly publication which is published by HU Shih. Although it is inclined to ideological discussions, it often criticises the Nationalists in a rational manner. It reflects the serious tone of the scholarly associates of HU Shih, many of whom are permanent contributors to the magazine.

Comment. The following is an alphabetical list of all the publication names mentioned in this report. Following each name is the number of the paragraph in which the publication is mentioned.

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<u>Ch'eng Pao</u> , 10.	<u>Kung Shang Wan Pao</u> , 2.
<u>Chi Yin Daily News</u> , 7.	<u>Kung Sheung Daily News</u> , 1.
<u>Chu Liu</u> , 23.	<u>Kung Sheung Evening News</u> , 2.
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<u>Chung Sheng Wan Pao</u> , 13.	<u>Nature Daily</u> , 7.
<u>Chung Sing Man Po</u> , 13.	<u>New Evening Post</u> , 17.
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